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ASK YOURSELF

1. "If anyone should be decorated for bravery, she should."

2. "Christian Church is chief unifying force in Africa today."

3. "It must have two-thirds of the votes of the Senate for passage."

4. "President's Hall of Fame."

5. "Story of the birth and growth of a book."

6. Study Course 1945-46.

7. "Crusaders for Tomorrow's World."

8. "New Tasks of Committee on Status of Women."

CORRECTION

Article, "Unique Privilege to Be a Methodist Woman Today," April issue *The Methodist Woman* should read "When it united its four million women into a World Federation of Methodist Women, and this Agency then took its place with the World Commission," etc.

An Open Letter from the Philippines

By ELSTON ROWLAND

". . . The purpose of this letter is to tell you something of the experiences and faithfulness of the few of our former staff through the terrific days of the destruction of Manila and to suggest, if you think it advisable, some recognition on the part of the Board of Missions and Church Extension for their faithfulness. To go back a bit, practically all of our staff stood by us on half salary during the first year of the war when the financing of the hospital was so difficult. This salary shortage was later made up by installments, but from about the beginning of 1943, salaries were paid in Japanese military notes which are now of no value.

"As you know, the missionaries left the hospital for concentration July 8, 1944. In September, 1944, the bombing of Manila began, and on September 24, the Japanese occupied our nurses' home and school building and threatened to take possession of the hospital. After a few days, some sort of promise was received from the Japanese and the hospital continued to function until it was burned in the early morning of February 6. On Sunday, February 4, all in-patients were sent home as the destruction of that part of the city by the Japanese had begun. The clinic continued functioning, treating the wounded, until Monday night, after the fires in the neighborhood had started. The clinic treated an average of eighty patients daily until the end. The hospital was the last building in the vicinity to go, and they said they could have saved it if they had had any water.

Front entrance Harris Memorial

"Miss Librada Javalera, who has been with the hospital almost continually since she came in as a student nurse twenty-six years ago, was the Superintendent of Nurses and General Manager of the hospital from the time of the occupation of Manila through to the end. The others who stayed with her were Dr. Elisa Alejandro, daughter of Bishop D. D. Alejandro, and of the nurses, Miss Velasco, Miss Manongdo, Miss Gascon (who graduated and joined the staff in October, 1942), and Miss Berbano (who graduated and joined the staff in October, 1943). Miss Bella and Miss Cadayona (who joined the staff in March, 1944) were sent home by Miss Javalera when the bombing began in September, although they were willing to remain.

"Miss Javalera paid herself no salary whatever after September, 1944. She paid the others salary in a lump sum to the end of December, 1944, but after that they received only their maintenance from the hospital. These brave girls stood all night in the mud and water on the beach back of the hospital while the whole district was burning, as they had no way of getting out. Then, for nearly three weeks, they lived in the back end of our St. Paul's Church across the street from the hospital where the cement balcony served as their roof. There was so much destruction about them it was difficult to get out. Miss Javalera, after getting the rest of the group placed in safe places, went to her home in Imus, Cavite. If anybody should be decorated for bravery, she should."

Mary Johnston Hospital, Manila

Present-Day Africa

By **EMORY ROSS**

In 1935, I chanced to be taken into the cartographer's office of the National Geographic Society. A new map of Africa was even then being run through the presses; a good many thousand copies were already printed. On one of them I saw a thin red line from Cairo to the Cape representing an airline. To the west there was no such line across the Sahara to Brazzaville and Leopoldville. I mentioned that. "But there isn't any air service there," was the reply. Only there was. I had just received from Algeria schedules and maps of it. From New York, I sent them next day. The presses were stopped, another thin red line went in, and the presses rolled again. In the African Bureau in New York we have two copies of that map, one without and the other with the thin red line. The cartographer had checked with all departments and embassies and other agencies, following the usual procedure, but that airline had only been open a few weeks and in America it was almost unknown.

That is typical of the fast changes taking place in Africa. Africa—itself in radical and brusque internal change, and still in rather primary relationships with outside races, politics, economics, religion, and culture—is now caught up in the world revolution that is going on in all five of those relationships in every continent and nearly every island of the world.

We think other peoples, including North Americans, are undergoing exceptional strains and stresses now in most of their relationships, intranational and international. And they are.

But the Africans are facing not only those stresses and strains which are presently common to others. They are in addition, within their own inner lives, grappling with changes which other peoples have taken a thousand years or more to accomplish.

They are having to make all these changes, within and without, under two basic conditions which need to be faced clearly.

First, the forced-draught inner changes in social organization, economics, political concepts, and the like, are for the most part having to be carried out under the foreign-imposed rule of alien peoples, almost entirely within the framework of an alien structure, and to a considerable extent up to now for the furthering of the objectives of an alien society.

Second, the outer-world relationship changes which Africans are required now to make are being transmitted to them at second or third hand, and their responses to the outer world are for the most part equally indirect. Effective touch with the rest of the world is confined largely to this alien layer which lies over Africa. It is something like a tough, opaque fabric enveloping Africa through which the blows and pressures of the world can be sharply felt in Africa and Africa's resultant movement can be faintly detected in the world, and through which neither Africa nor the world can clearly and understandingly see the other.

Boy with lamb, Mrewa, Southern Rhodesia

Internally, it is further to be noted that within most parts of Africa there has traditionally been little cohesion. The people have been separated by some eight hundred languages, by the absence of the written and printed word, by the fears and inhibitions of ani-

mistic beliefs, and by other factors. During the past two or three generations a start has been made at surmounting these barriers of separation, but others have been introduced: the foreign languages and ideologies, political systems, and educational forms of the eight European nations which have ruled Africa.

Ruth Hanson and nurse from Sweden, Rosa Rydell, who is holding an orphaned baby, Rhodesia, Africa

So African unity and understanding within Africa is still small, and there is nowhere an authoritative African voice or collection of voices to speak for Africa, all Africa—as there is to a much greater degree, for example, for India, for China, for Japan, for Korea even.

And if there is no great authoritative African voice within Africa, neither is there outside of Africa a great acknowledged authoritative voice to speak without selfish bias for and about Africa. Africa is vast and varied and "parceled out." No one man, or small group, can know it all, gauge its tradition and culture—unwritten and transmitted only in hundreds of tongues—probe its aspirations and potentials, related them to all the outer forces bearing on Africa; and speak!

There are perhaps fewer sound and accepted spokesmen about African affairs, either global or sectional, than about any other great world area.

These are among the handicaps under which Africa now lives. And these are among the reasons why the church today should be so concerned about Africa. For, of all the elements in modern African life, the Christian forces, African and foreign, are so far certainly the strongest in lifting, uniting, and leading large groups of African men and women today.

To say this is not to ignore the other forces at work in Africa. Enlightened tribal leaders who are not Christians are in many parts seeking to improve the position of their people. Educated Africans who are not Christians—though nearly all of them have received at least a part of their education in Christian schools —are working, and some of them are sacrificing, to help their people. The labor movement has made contributions to African advance in some parts. Certain of the best of the commercial enterprises have done notable things, and many of them have given at least incidental material lifts to sections of the African populations. The better colonial governments have had considerable successes in native welfare developments, and all of them have brought within their territories a good many elements previously lacking and generally helpful.

But nearly all of those forces have been both geographically restricted and limited in interest. None has been at once concerned with all of Africa and with the whole range of African life-interest. Only the church has had that inclusive concern which has crossed all tribal and colonial boundaries and has sought to aid every phase of the African's developing new life.

Even the church has not been continually alive to this unique role it has in the African scene. I believe it is unique in two respects. First, the Christian church is the chief unifying and constructive force in Africa's life today. Second, on no other continent has the church a clearer need and opportunity to help create and mold a helpful spirit of racial and national unity within the continent.

As we face the changing needs of Africa's people in the days ahead, our opportunity is huge and so is our responsibility. We in North America share this opportunity and responsibility with Christian brethren and sisters in Africa, in Europe, and elsewhere, and with them should seek the victory in Jesus Christ. We shall doubtless meet obstacles from within and without the church. But with knowledge of what the African church has done already under the supreme leadership of Jesus Christ, we can have confidence in our African fellow Christians and co-workers. With courage and wisdom from on High inspiring and guiding us to work together with and for Africa, our faith is sure.

Pioneers on a

Beginning lessons in friendliness at the church center

TODAY WE ARE PIONEERS in a new frontier of Christian service to America's uprooted people. It is our newest home-mission field which has suddenly sprung up since the war. Millions of people, defense workers, service folks, and now many demobilized individuals have been jerked from their homes and dropped into a new, strange land, often in our own communities. They need our help and Christian brotherly love.

Through the depression many so-called "needy" people served by our home-mission centers were underprivileged because of lack of shelter, food, and clothing. Defense and war workers do not have this lack, but need friendship—Christian neighborliness. They say: "We're lost here; people treat us as aliens. Nobody cares!" Old residents resent so many newcomers, often because the size of the new population has strained the capacity of schools, stores, and transportation systems. In an old beautiful southern town now building ships, a judge said, "I don't even look at people on the street any more—so many strangers; but I used to know everyone." And some good church members raise their eyebrows, saying: "Why help those? They have money!"

True, they have jobs and money; they can buy food and clothes. That is, they can as long as we continue to have full employment. But, even so, money can't buy friends! Happiness and spiritual satisfactions do not come from money. Their need is more emotional—they need the feeling of belonging or being rooted in community life, the security of friends, and above all, church life. With a cold thud, they have been suddenly dropped down into a strange land—no friendly neighbors, no pastor, and no church. Climate and living conditions, even the stores and customs are often different. They are homesick and bewildered.

To one woman the discovery that for the first time she had to live in a housing project located on hills caused her to break down.

"When I saw those hills, so steep, and we had to live on the side of one, I just sat down and cried all afternoon," she confided. "I'd always lived in flatlands before, an' my husband said, 'If I'd known you were going to carry on like this, I wouldn't-a brought you!'" "Well, I wouldn't-a come if I'd known it was all hills," I said. She thought it was the hills; but she was homesick—everything was strange.

Often from farms and small towns many people are not only homesick, but confused by the adjustments of living in crowded conditions in a large city. Riding jammed in a bus full of shipyard workers one day, the driver, unable to shut the door, yelled out to a man standing on the step, "Say, man, get in or get off." The harrassed man answered: "I can't, I've got a wife in here that's supposed to get off here. Myrtle! Myrtle, where are you?"

Confused, homesick in a strange land. What makes folk feel at home in a new place? Some bring along a sewing machine, a washing machine, family pictures, or a radio. They couldn't bring much and they have no idea how long they'll be here.

Admiring the fresh lace curtains of one woman who have moved to the state of Washington from a farm near Chicago, she responded: "I did 'em myself the other day. You see, I brought my curtain stretchers along—I just couldn't get along without those."

By **MABEL GARRETT WAGNER**

New Frontier

Far away from home in this defense center, but the church school provides interesting story hours

In many a trailer, cabin, or housing-project home, one sees religious mottoes on the wall and Bibles on the table, indicating that many a family among these newcomers were active church members "back home."

Some continue this religious devotion in the new industrial community. Others are sucked up by evil forces, which are often more glittering or quicker in offering hospitality to the newcomer.

Dr. H. Paul Douglass, in his pamphlet, *The City Church in the War Emergency*, describes these types of adjustment newcomers may make and the opportunities of the church at this point.

In studying the church's responsibility for uprooted people this year, we may discover that the new people seem strange only as we observe them in masses. As we become acquainted with individuals, we can appreciate and understand their problems better.

"I never go anywhere except to the store; I don't know anyone. I keep our windows and doors closed and locked all the time—my husband works at night—graveyard shift. I know it's not healthy, but *I am 'skeared'*," confided one woman living in a new housing project with a baby and three older children. Yet she was an old-line American citizen who had only moved from one state to another. Later, when the woman's society in the church at the housing project was organized, she participated. In a few weeks she was transformed, for she said: "I'm trying to get my neighbor upstairs to come. Do you know, she never does anything or goes anywhere? Just sits upstairs all day long!"

And so in other housing projects and trailer camps, we have found that the women respond to an informal neighborhood circle or "get-together" sponsored by the church. "No, we don't know each other. All I do is go to the store . . . you could meet in my house, if you take charge. I couldn't do that," they often say.

Sometimes the initiative is taken by a church worker, sometimes by understanding lay church women from the established churches. There must not be an attitude of patronizing or feeling of superiority.

These small neighborhood or friendly get-togethers often develop into a simply organized church woman's society, meeting regularly for mission or Bible study, discussions, as well as sewing or service activities. At the close of such a gathering in a trailer camp one day, a shy little woman stammered: "We appreciate what you church folk are doing for us out here in the trailers. . . . Some places they don't care."

Christian fellowship and church life are needed by these new groups uprooted from familiar associations. Often inconvenient to established churches these housing projects were placed on the edge of the city where nothing had been before, perhaps on a filled-in swamp, or some barren hill, or even on a former city-dump section.

Hence, religious bodies, in this emergency situation, have seen the need to work together interdenominationally to establish religious centers in these new communities. The community building or recreation rooms have been available for church school and worship services.

As we study our home-mission subject this year, "The Church Among Uprooted Americans," we will understand better their problems and our opportunity for Christian service. In earlier time, about all we could do was give our offerings to send missionaries to do the work. Now God is asking many of us to give not only our money, but also ourselves, in a Christian friendly way—old-fashioned neighborliness and concern for these strangers within our gates.

Department of Christian Social

Church Groups Working for World Order

A Churchman's Seminar on Techniques of Political Action, with special reference to world order, was held recently in Washington. Plans for same were initiated by the Council of Social Action of the Congregational-Christian Church through its Washington Legislative Committee. Four denominational groups were represented at the seminar, namely, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational-Christian, and Methodist groups, a total number of approximately forty representatives.

The Woman's Division authorized the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities to send ten women. Six chairmen of Resource Committees, the chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and the staff were in attendance at the seminar.

The program consisted of conference periods and discussions with representatives and senators; interviews with representatives of the State Department; visits to FEPC, UNRRA, the Children's Bureau, certain committee hearings, and the Senate during the discussion of Lend-Lease Extension. Among other high points in the seminar program was the discussion of pending international Legislation by a representative of the Woman's Action Committee, and conference periods on the work of pressure groups in Washington—good and bad.

The seminar was most helpful as leaders of church groups chart next steps at this point in history. Possibly the following suggestions to Methodist women may indicate some of the leads that were evident in the program of The Churchman's Seminar.

1. Bretton Woods Proposals

Proposals for an International Monetary Fund and a Bank for Reconstruction and Development were drafted at a conference held last summer in New Hampshire. This conference was called by President Roosevelt and was attended by forty-four countries. The proposals recommended will require acceptance by the governments of participating countries, including Congressional action in the United States.

Bills on Bretton Woods are pending in the House and Senate *at this writing* (April 16). *It is urgent that these proposals be adopted at once by the House and Senate. Write at once to the United States Treasury Department for material on Bretton Woods (free). Secure also a Primer on Bretton Woods from the National League of Women Voters, Washington, D. C.; price, 5 cents. Distribute both widely. Study same and write personal letters to your representatives and senators, urging them to vote for the proposals.*

2. The San Francisco Conference

Before this issue of The Methodist Woman reaches you, the United Nations Conference will be well under way, if not concluded. The Dumbarton Oaks Proposals, which you have been studying for some time, will have been discussed and possibly modified and improved. *A Charter for World Security will be in the making.* This charter will be brought to the United States Senate for adoption soon after the adjournment of the San Francisco Conference. It must have two-thirds of the votes of the Senate for passage. We still have many isolationist senators! The *people of the United States* must see that these isolationists do not block this great step toward world peace. If the United States again refuses to participate in a world organization, civilization is doomed. With the passing of President Roosevelt, whose life was spent working for international co-operation, our action is even more crucial. *Write your senators at once and ask for their commitment to voting for the San Francisco Charter, when it is presented. It may not be perfect, but it will be the best plan we have yet for outlawing war and giving freedom to the peoples of the world. Conference secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities will be sent next steps for action, as soon as they are made evident by the action of the San Francisco group. These recommendations will be channeled to local groups immediately. You are hereby "Alerted" for special action at any minute.* Mrs. E. R. Bartlett and Miss Dorothy McConnell were both at the San Francisco Conference and will keep us up to the minute on developments.

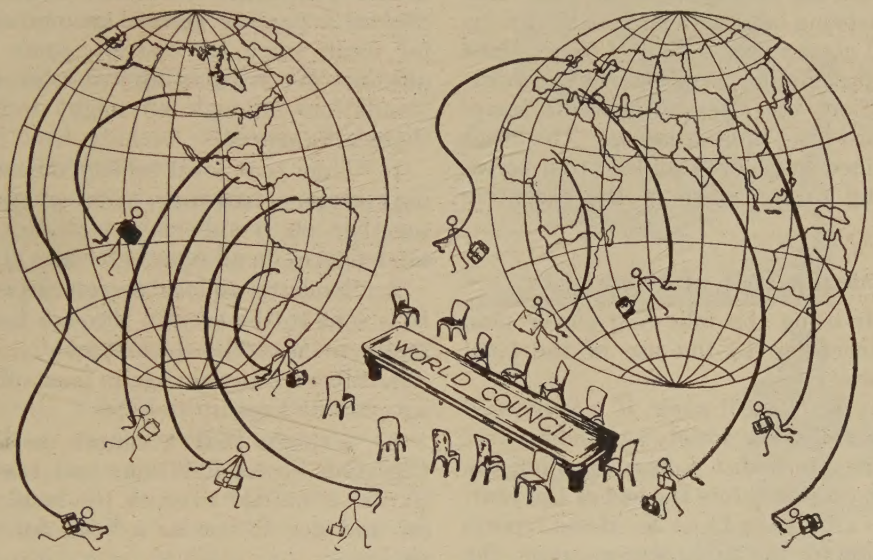
By **THELMA STEVENS,** ***Executive Secretary***

Relations and Local Church Activities

3. New Materials

(1) *Take Your Place at the Peace Table*, by Edward L. Bernays. Price, $1.00. On sale at most bookstores, and may be secured from The Methodist Publishing House. For quantity rates, write *International Press, 121 Varick Street, New York 13, N. Y.* This book is a practical guidebook on molding public opinion in support of world organization. Every person who wants to learn better ways to create a public mind will do well to secure a copy of this book by Mr. Bernays. It contains indispensable material.

(2) *United Nations "Study Kit."* This has been prepared by the United Nations Information Office in cooperation with the United States Office of Education. It consists of twenty - five graphic colored poster charts, thirty pamphlets, and a discussion guide. The kit is designed to help school children understand the other United Nations, their people, histories, what they have done in war, and how they are co-operating for peace. These kits may be ordered from the United Nations Information Office, 610 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., or from the United States Office of Education, Washington, D. C. Price, $3.50 for each kit. Your school or public library needs this "Study Kit" *also.*



If the United Nations of this war are to continue to be united, the time to cement that unity is now (Cut courtesy, Crusade for Christ)

(3) *Labor and Tomorrow's World*, by G. Bromley Oxnam. Price, $1.50 from The Methodist Publishing House. In this timely book Bishop Oxnam points up in a forthright manner the Christian mission of the church in relation to *Workers.* He brings to our attention the historical setting of the early labor movement and links it inseparably with the Methodist Movement. He challenges the church to identify itself again with the Workers of the World and build together "Tomorrow's World."

4. Suggestions for Organizing Your Community for Peace

Mr. Bernays says: "Keep your eye on the ball! You are trying to get the United Nations' peace proposals adopted in Washington. *Confine your program to a specific goal in your community* instead of trying to change the world in ten days." One goal may be to get all organizations in your community, *including church groups*, to *study the issue and send resolutions to your congressman and senators, and write personal letters individually.*

You may want to make an individual canvas of your leading community business and professional people as well as the local "politicians," and convert them into active propagandists for world peace.

Just remember that your activity is valuable only as you reach the people in Washington who have the final power to ensure peace, namely, Congress, the Secretary of State, and the President of the United States.

The United States Department of Interior calls our attention to the following:

This coming winter the coal allotment will be cut to 80 per cent on practically all kinds and sizes of coal in many states. Order coal early! Repair furnaces and conserve coal! Remember that the rationing process is the way a democracy has had to assure a fair distribution of fuel.

Interchange of Ideas

By **MRS. ELOISE A. WOOLEVER,** ***Executive Secretary,*** **Woman's Section of the Joint Division**

JUNE IS THE MID-YEAR MONTH of the year, a good time to make a thorough checking on all lines of work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Have you kept the Goal Chart* before your society, and are you at least halfway on the road to complete fulfillment of all goals?

On this page we are presenting some plans and methods that are being used with success in various jurisdictions and conferences. Two of these plans have come from jurisdiction secretaries of Organization and Promotion; the other jurisdiction secretaries will be heard from in later issues. The other three plans outlined have been culled from correspondence coming to the office of the executive secretary.

President's Hall of Fame

One District is using the following clever plan to provide an incentive to the use of the Goal Chart in each society.

When a society reaches all goals, it is privileged to place a photograph of the society's president over the picture of the Methodist woman opening the door. In order to do this before the end of the year. this concession is allowed in Goal X—if the reports are sent in on time for the first three quarters, the Goal is counted as attained. The final step in the plan is this: At the district meeting in the fall there is to be a display of the charts of all the societies boasting the pictures of their presidents. This *will be* an honor roll!

(We foresee much business for the photographers in this district!)

NOTE: Because of the delay in getting out the Record and Report Book, the local officers are allowed ten "days of grace" in sending in the first quarter's reports.

A Conference Study

The secretary of Organization and Promotion of Kansas Conference has sent out a mimeographed comparative report for the quadrennium, giving the statistics for 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1944. The items reported are the ones included in the corresponding secretary's report blank and cover all phases of the work.

Following this comparative report comes a statement of the average per capita giving of each district. This surely gives a picture of the total work and growth of the conference during the quadrennium.

There accompanies this summary of the work of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service a page of general recommendations, some for local, some for district, some for conference officers. We are quoting just a few of these recommendations, though all might well be given if there were space.

1. "Urge that local society officers (corresponding secretary, treasurer, membership chairman) get together on membership statistics and give the same figures on all reports for any given quarter.

2. "No letter to local secretaries is personal mail. It is sent to the society through her hands as she represents a certain department.

3. "Report any change in local officers so mailing lists can be kept up-to-date.

4. "Explain that a report on the finances of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities is needed to show the local society's interest and not to use as a basis for the missionary pledge.

5. "Each district should assign to a strong society a weaker sister society to nurture.

6. "A ten per cent increase in membership of local societies.

"Visit the women members of the local church who are NOT members of the Woman's Society—make them welcome.

"At least two new societies in each district that is not already 100 per cent organized by churches.

"Check to see that we are still 100 per cent organized by charges."

Accompanying this page of recommendations is a second one on goals for each quarter for the district secretaries of Organization and Promotion. Only one goal, which we take from the second quarter's goals, can be given:

"Personal contacts with socities which were organized in previous years but which paid nothing to the missionary pledge in 1944."

Altogether, this is a communication that is doing real cultivation and promotion and will bear results, we believe.

* See December issue **The Methodist Woman and Annual Report** for goals.

Jurisdiction Officers Visit Conferences

Early in the first quadrennium, the South Central Jurisdiction adopted the plan of paying the expense of a jurisdiction officer to each annual conference meeting, and the plan has met with an enthusiastic response on the part of the conference and the jurisdiction officers.

The officer to be invited is chosen by the Executive Committee of the conference on the basis of a particular need in the conference or of a certain program emphasis.

From this plan the conferences have had the benefit of the experience of women well prepared to inspire and give direction, and the officers have had an opportunity to know the conference women better, thereby strengthening the jurisdiction spirit.

The plan is being continued in this quadrennium.

Conference and District Officers Visit Societies

It is interesting to note that New York Conference has gone a step further in this excellent plan of visitation as carried out in South Central Jurisdiction, and in this time of few large meetings is putting the following plan into operation:

Each local society was informed that the nearest district or conference officer would be available for one of its spring meetings to answer questions and present plans. Local groups were allowed to express a preference as to the department they preferred to have stressed. In order that the officer might be well informed as to the various phases of work, a day's conference seminar was held (at which district officers were present) when almost the entire time was given to discussion of the promotion of every line of work.

It Can Be Done

As encouragement for conferences with much territory remote from city centers, and the tendency to regard themselvess as greatly handicapped thereby, we cite Troy Conference in the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Confronted at the very beginning of the quadrennium with the task of assimilating another conference, added by General Conference action, they have consistently kept their cultivation up-to-date, using the general theme furnished by the Division each year. Special methods which fit into this general theme, and adapted to their use, have welded these societies into united action. The results are apparent in increased membership, at the rate of a thousand a year, and their united giving climaxed this year in a pledge of $33,000. It can be done!

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Your Mission Study Book*

The Story of the Birth and Growth of a Book

HELLO THERE! I know formal introductions aren't necessary between us, for I am your mission study book, and we are old friends.

My name varies from year to year, it is true. Sometimes I am called *Tales From Africa*, sometimes *These Moving Times* or *Trailertown*, but always I bear the imprint, "Friendship Press."

Perhaps you have often wondered about this; how it is that I am used by Congregationalists and Episcopalians, by Baptists and Methodists, and by other Protestant denominations; and how I was planned and paid for.

Sit here with me for a few minutes and I'll tell you the story of my early career and my adventures before coming to your bookshelf.

Twice a year the Board of Managers of the Missionary Education Movement—representatives appointed from the boards of twenty-six major denominations and interdenominational agencies of the United States and Canada—meet to decide upon future themes of mission study for their constituent churches.

All of them leaders in the field of missionary education, they give long and careful consideration to this task in general sessions and in three major committees known as the Age-Group Committees, which deal with the various graded materials.

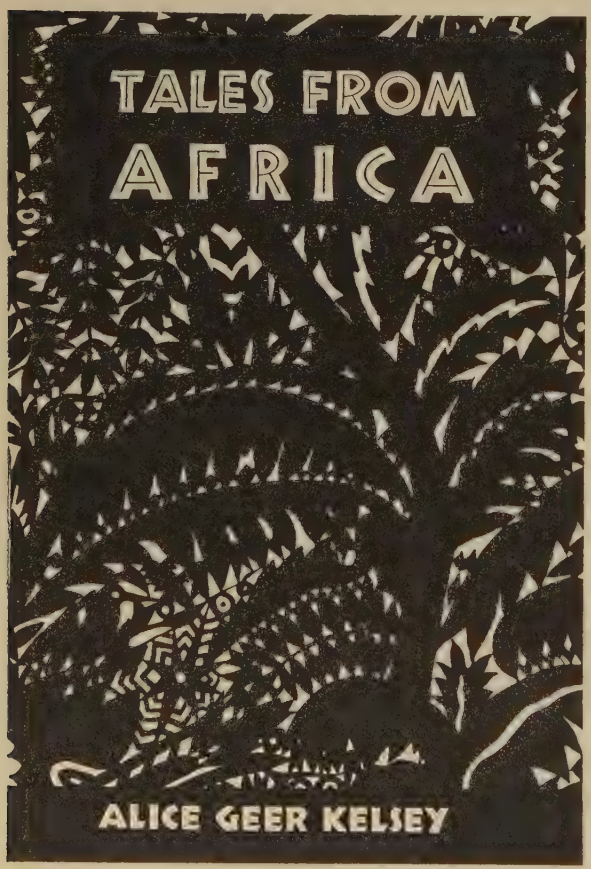
Three years ago at one of these meetings, they chose the theme which is my own particular *raison d'etre*. Officially speaking, I was born!

My age-group committee, together with a member of the Missionary Education Movement editorial staff, now became the guardian and guide of my life and progress. Their first and most important concern was the choosing of the author who would write my text—a difficult task, this, for he must have writing ability; a background of personal experience in a mission field, if possible; an understanding of the trends in modern missionary education; and a real devotion to the whole cause of missions.

But at last such a person was found, and he and the committee members spent long hours conferring about me. They suggested many sources for information about my background and discussed the personality I ought to have as I grew to be a book. Sometimes it happens that the author selected is too far away to be able to meet with the committee in person, and all this consultation must be done by mail.

My author wrote an outline of my contents which was submitted to the committee members for their examination and approval. Then nearly a year elapsed during which I stayed with him and saw almost nothing of the outside world. I'm afraid I annoyed him at times, but on the whole, we became fine friends.

The day finally came when I was ready to appear in public as a manuscript, and straight off I went to New York City, to the offices of The Missionary Education Movement, at 156 Fifth Avenue. There I was joyously received and was turned over to my editor for a first reading and corrections. Then I was hustled on to the office secretaries to be multigraphed so that I could be sent in my new form to

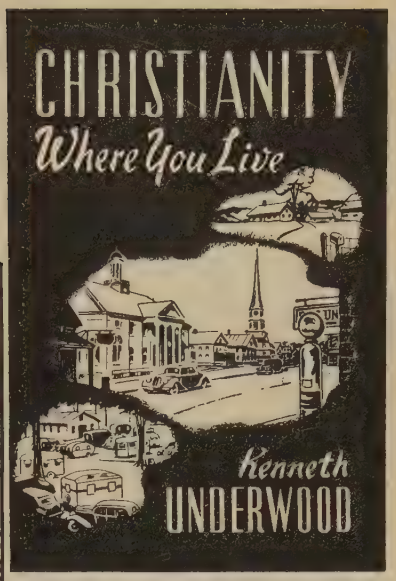


Sixteen stories about African Christians

By **MARY McCLELLAND LAGO**

my old friends, the members of the age-group committee.

I went to Nashville, to Boston, to Indianapolis, to Toronto, and Philadelphia, and to many other centers of denominational activity where these specialists in study materials for the church read and discussed and considered my contents in the light of my usefulness to their particular programs of missionary education. Within a month their comments—corrections and suggestions—were returned to New York to be summarized for the guidance of my author and my editor in the revision of the original manuscript. Then I paid a last visit to my author while he made the necessary changes.



Mpengo of the Congo—story for children—ages 6 to 8, and *Christianity Where You Live*—for young people and seniors

Now many exciting things were being planned for me all at once. The book designer was selecting a suitable type and the printer was setting up specimen pages. The artist was drawing sketches of a design for my jacket. The cartographer was at work on a map of the mission field with which I was concerned, this map to be used as my frontispiece, or perhaps as end papers. Then I became the printer's responsibility, and my entire text was set up in type; the display matter by hand, the statistical tables by monotype, body text by linotype.

First, galley proofs were made and read for error by the printer's proofreader, the Missionary Education Movement editor, and then by the author himself. Next came the page proofs, showing my text divided up into page length as it would appear in final form. Finally, foundry proofs were made from the plates from which my text would be printed.

Meanwhile, the rest of my equipment was being prepared—a title page and other front matter, a bibliography, an index, and advertising blurbs for the back and inside flaps of my jacket. Binding cloth and cover paper were chosen for my cover, and the printer was given the order to proceed. Next to the bindery, to be folded and stitched and bound.

I couldn't help wondering what was going to happen to me next, but I soon found out. Since subsidies from all the mission boards and agencies represented on the Board of Managers had helped to pay for my production, my distribution was to be cared for by the denominational literature headquarters. So, after the copies were carefully inspected, packed in cartons, and shipped to the stockroom of the Missionary Education Movement, I was set out once more upon my travels—to bookstores and depositories in Boston, Nashville, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, and many other places I had never visited before.

And now I ought to tell you that there is really a whole family of us—books for adults, young people, seniors, junior-high boys and girls, and for juniors and primary children. Each of us is accompanied by a sort of first cousin—the leader's guide. Don't forget the guide; it multiplies our usefulness many times over. There are picture books, too, and other visual materials for use with every age group.

Well, that's my story. Some might say that when I've reached your hands my real life of service is just beginning. It was your money and the leaders of your church who created me. Now you can use me to break down barriers of intolerance and misunderstanding, and I can push back the horizons to show you peoples and lands which are far away in miles but very near in Christian brotherhood.

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* Courtesy **The Missionary Herald.**

Study Courses, 1945-46

The Church Among Uprooted Americans

In the introduction to Dr. Herman Morse's book, *These Moving Times,** he has this to say: "Home Missions is not an enterprise apart from the life of the church. It is, rather, the outreach of the church toward the frontiers of our national life. It is the response of the church to the deepest human need and the sharpest social challenge. It gets its mandate from the church and finds its fulfillment in the expanding life and ministry of the church."

Further, he states the purpose of the study of "The Church Among Uprooted Americans": "The purpose of this study is to explore the meaning for the home mission of the church of the vast social changes which are the hallmark of 'these moving times.' It is focused on the war because the war is an all pervasive influence, affecting more people more profoundly in more different ways than any other collective experience in history. The war, however, though unique in scope and character, is no isolated event. Its causes were long in the making. The social forces to which it has given so powerful an impetus have roots deep in the past. Socially speaking, no sharp line marks the transition from prewar to wartime, and the transition to postwar is likely to be even more blurred. In a broad social sense, prewar, wartime, and postwar are a continuum.

"To attempt to prophesy what may follow the end of the war is only speculation. Yet perhaps enough is known or can be foreseen to show us how heavily weighted with meaning these times are for all who hold the hope of a Christian society and a Christian world. That is the only justification of the effort to survey this wide field, to chart the direction of social change and to analyze its bearing upon the home mission of the church."

This timely theme faces American Christians with a spiritual and social challenge of the utmost importance.

*These Moving Times: The Home Mission of the Church in Light of Social Trends and Population Shifts,** by Herman N. Morse, gives an overall view of the nature and scope of the dislocation taking place among our people and deals prophetically with the major questions and needs that will confront home missions in America's tomorrow. The text of the course on "The Church Among Uprooted Americans," to be used with the two following pamphlets. (Paper, 60 cents.)

*The Church in the War Emergency,** by H. Paul Douglass. A pamphlet by the leading American authority on the city church, for study and discussion in groups concerned with urban aspects of the theme. (Paper, 25 cents.)

*Rural Americans on the Move,** by Thomas A. Tripp. This pamplet offers a stimulating discussion for all groups that are studying the drastic effects of present population movements upon the town and country church. (Paper, 25 cents.)

For additional reading with the above texts:

*Christianity Where You Live,** by Kenneth Underwood. This timely interpretation of home missions shows how the church is making Christianity live for share croppers, agricultural migrants, industrial workers in boom town, servicemen, and others for whom life is difficult. The author has traveled widely and this book is an interesting personal report of the work of the church as seen in many strategic centers. The book is well adapted for personal reading or for group study. (Paper, 60 cents.)

*Discussion and Program Suggestions for Adult Groups** on "The Church Among Uprooted Americans," by Robert W. Searle, Helen Menzies Searle, and Mrs. E. E. McClintock. (Paper, 25 cents.)

*Discussion and Program Suggestions for Youth** on "The Church Among Uprooted Americans," by Maud Upton. (Paper, 25 cents.)

Based on Kenneth Underwood's book, supplementary materials which may be used with this theme:

*America's Changing Frontiers,** by Mark A. Dawber. The story of home missions in action as they face wartime emergencies and the postwar period. New and revised edition, illustrated. (Paper, 25 cents.)

By **MRS. HELEN B. BOURNE,** ***Secretary Missionary Education***

*Spanning a Continent,** by John R. Scotford. A brief, popular introduction to the many-sided work of home missions. Illustrated with photographs. (Paper, 10 cents.)

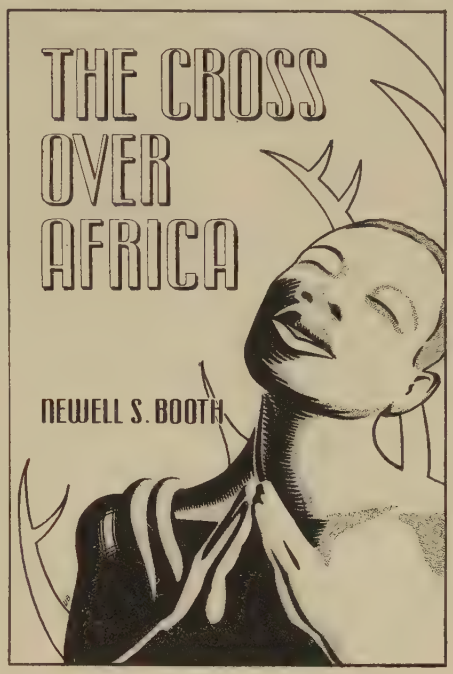
Journey Through Chaos, by Agnes E. Meyer. A journalistic account of visits to America's war-industry centers; vivid, interesting, and, on the whole, a fair picture. (Price, $3.00.) Harcourt, Brace, and Company.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home, by Dixon Wecter. Describes the situation at the close of previous wars and outlines the general nature of our present problem. (Price, $3.00.) Houghton Mifflin Company.

Africa

The text for this course is *The Cross Over Africa,** by Newell S. Booth. Bishop Booth has a wide acquaintance among African Christians and their churches. In this study book he pictures their achievements and their needs vividly and makes clear why Christian missions must extend its ministry in this period when Africa is going through great social political change. (Paper, 60 cents.)

*Discussion and Program Suggestions for Adult-Groups on "Africa,"** by Margaret Marston Sherman. (Paper, 25 cents.)



For additional reading with the above texts:

*This Is Africa,** by S. Franklin Mack. Pictures, maps, and graphs carefully selected to accompany a concise text on African backgrounds, history, personalities, and Christian mission service makes this an attractive introductory pamphlet on the theme and a valuable supplement for study in all grades. (Paper, 25 cents.)

*God's Candlelights,** by Mabel Shaw. A book of rare charm, giving an intimate description of African life and describing an unusual educational experiment. (Price, $1.00.)

*Sons of Africa,** by Georgina A. Gollock. Biographical sketches of outstanding Africans. Distinctive in typography and decoration. (Paper, 50 cents.)

Look at Africa, by W. G. and M. S. Woolbert. Headline Series, No. 43, Foreign Policy Association. (Price, 25 cents.)

*Eagle Books on Africa.** From this popular biographical series a number are on Africa and missionaries in Africa. (Price, 10 cents each.)

Of General Interest

*They Found the Church There,** by Henry P. Van Dusen. "They" are the American forces and "there" is wherever they have been operating within those areas that have been the scene of Christian mission service. This book combines letters from servicemen, describing experiences in making on-the-spot acquaintance with Christians of the younger churches and missionaries, and a concise story of missions in each area. (Paper, 75 cents.)

*A Veteran Came Home Today,** by Charles A. Wells. A pamphlet for wives, fiancees, and other young adult members of servicemen's families, presenting to them the challenge of Christian missions throughout the world. It deals specifically with readjustment problems and endeavors to interpret them in the light of the servicemen's experiences and new understanding. (Paper, 10 cents.)

* Order from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or our distributing offices.

Families in a New World

For this study, one of the most important courses of the year, a packet* (65 cents) has been compiled. Included in the packet are the Leaders' Guide and the following booklets and pamphlets:

*The Church's Ministry to the Family,** including a leaflet on "Program of Action."

Today's Children, Tomorrow's Hope, from the American Association for the United Nations.

Two pamphlets from the Federal Council of Churches, *The Ministry of Listening*, by Russell Dicks, and *A Counseling Viewpoint*, by Carl R. Rogers.

Two reprints from *The Annals*, September, 1943, and November, 1944:

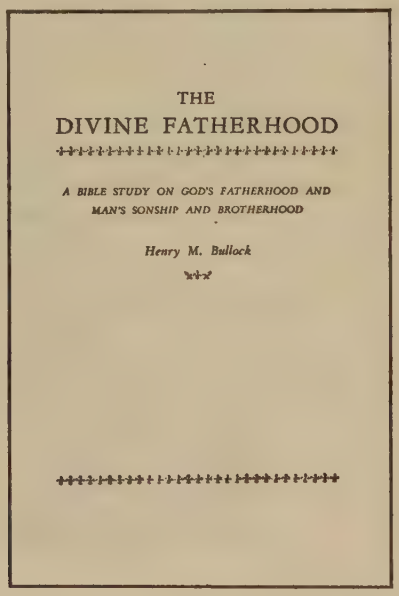
Marriage and the Family After the War, by Ray E. Baber.

Youth and Religion, by Paul Weaver.

For additional reading with the packet:

Christianity and the Family, by Ernest Groves. McMillan Company. (Price, $2.00.)

The Family and Its Christian Fulfillment, by Winifred Bryce, Foreign Missions Conference of North America and Canada. (Price to be announced later.)



The Fatherhood of God

The textual material for this study is *The Bible* and *The Divine Fatherhood*,* by Henry M. Bullock. (Paper, 25 cents.)

This is a study of God's Fatherhood and man's sonship and brotherhood, with a special emphasis on the Christian teaching on race. The author approaches the subject and interprets the biblical materials from the viewpoint of the principle and spirit of Christianity. At the close of each chapter, the "Helps for Study" are to be used to induce students to search for both facts and experiences which they need, in order to deal with their *local* situations, and also enable them to participate in the *world* mission. No doubt is left in the mind of the reader that complete acceptance of Divine Fatherhood involves acceptance and application in daily attitudes and experiences of a sonship and brotherhood that knows no barrier of race or class or color or nationality.

The author, Dr. Henry M. Bullock, is at present a pastor at Jefferson Street Methodist Church, Natchez, Mississippi, on leave of absence from Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, where he has been professor and head of the Department of Religion since 1935. Dr. Bullock received his B.D. degree from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, and his Ph.D. from Yale University. He was visiting professor at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, during the summer of 1930. He is the author of *A History of Emory University* and a contributor to educational and religious publications.

* May be obtained from Literature Headquarters.

Wesleyan Service Guild

MARION LELA NORRIS, *Secretary*

South Central Jurisdiction

By ROXA DISMUKES, *Secretary*

Call to Summer Conferences

To days of deep and rich living,
Where old friendships are deepened,
And where new friendships are made;
Where differences of background and thought become a challenge to wider fellowship,
And where likenesses are molded into a strong, vital Christian community;
To a recreative experience of body, mind, and spirit,
That is awakened through the beauty of nature,
The quietness of stars at night, the early bird calls,
The wind in the trees and the lure of the hidden trail;
To the soul's responses to a group worshiping together at twilight;
The melody of an old hymn,
A prayer unsaid . . . the clasp of a hand . . .
And then to sleep and dream of a New World;
To a broader vision and a deeper understanding of the church;
To the realization that the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild are one;
To know that we are united in the great ongoing and outreaching movement of the Woman's Division;
To the experiencing of ourselves as being part of the great fellowship of Methodist women around the world;
To feeling the inspiration of the consecrated great of our church:
Bishops, missionaries, teachers, and leaders who come to share;
To travel into the highways and byways of the world's distant places;
To think and to feel with the women of China;
To suffer with the women of India, and Burma;
To love with the women of Africa and South America;
To break down any barrier of race or creed or color that might keep any human being from entering into the doors of our inmost heart;
To the consecration and to the dedication of one's life and talents;
To the uniting of all Methodist employed women into a vital and dynamic Christian fellowship;
To the harnessing of one life with another that in the "togetherness" strength and unity and power may come;
To the opening of our hearts and minds to all women of all classes;
To the inclusion rather than the exclusion of the poor and despised, the ridiculed, the frustrated, and the outcast;
And to the lifting of all these along with ourselves,
Through the grace and power of the Eternal God,
Our Guild conferences call all employed women of the Methodist Church.

Found—An Open Door

You have read thus far. Are you interested but still undecided? It sounds wonderful in print, but is a school as inspiring as it sounds? These statements should interest you:

"Mt. Sequoyah has been an Open Door of Education and Information to me. I have become worldwide in my thinking. The classes and my study have brought this about. I covet for every employed person in my conference the privilege that has been mine the years that I have come to Mt. Sequoyah."—GRACE LAWSON, *Secretary Louisiana Conference.*

"I have become more aware of our relationship to the Woman's Society of Christian Service and of the whole set-up of the great organization of the woman's work of our church."—CECIL SCOTT, *Secretary Kansas City District.*

"The doors to mission fields have been opened to me . . . to Burma, through Miss Grace Stock-

well; to China, through Miss Alice Alsup, and our our own Guild missionary, Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin; to India, through Miss Zillah Soule; and to the work among the Indians, through Rev. Lin Paughty."—Hazel Chenier, *Louisiana Conference.*

"New doors of friendship have been opened to me . . . a closer friendship with Christ, a realization that we are guests of God, with members of the Woman's Division and the Guild of the South Central Jurisdiction. . . . This kind and quality of friendship represent The Methodist Church. . . . This kind of fellowship increases our hope in the ongoing of the Kingdom."—Mabel Ruth Nowlin, *China.*

"The 'cafeteria' has a hundred doors and many have been opened to me. . . . It has given me the privilege of eating with Indian and Mexican women, and such a wealth of choice people to dine with each day."—Mrs. Grace Hall, *Central Kansas Conference.*

"I have discovered the answers to many of our Guild problems. I have seen better how to make our Guilds vital. We have discussed every phase of our guild work, from missions to program material, finances, new members, publications, pledges, officers, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. I know we will have better Guilds and more intelligent Guild members."—Mrs. H. N. Patterson, *Secretary Central Texas Conference.*

"I have received a new inner inspiration. I feel I have been on an adventure of an enriched spiritual life, adventure of hope, truth and love."—Mrs. W. B. Waltmire, *Omaha, Nebraska.*

"I have a clear, more concise, and comprehensive picture of the Guild work, which is a vital part of the total program of our church. My eyes have been opened to some of the deeper social needs of women."—Betty Murphy, *West Oklahoma Conference.*

Secretary's Notebook

So you think you can go? You will go to the Guild conference! Fine! Perhaps you will want some pertinent facts:

Question: Who can attend the Jurisdiction School of Missions?

Answer: Ordinarily, any Guild members who can arrange their schedules. Because of present travel conditions there has to be limitation in some schools. Write your jurisdiction Guild secretary at once for information about your school.

Question: If we cannot go to the Jurisdiction School, are conference schools and Guild week ends available?

Answer: Yes. A number of conferences, and some districts, have summer schools and Guild week ends. Consult your conference Guild secretary about those nearest you. If you wish to go to another part of the country, write the jurisdiction Guild secretary of that area.

Question: Do you consider going to one of them a valid way to spend a vacation?

Answer: For inspiration, information, and fellowship, I know of no better place to go than to one of the summer conferences, whether it be jurisdiction, conference, or district. In addition, there is the beauty and quietness of God's great out-of-doors.

Notice to Each Local Unit

There is a *new plan for securing the report blanks* of the local unit. Each unit is responsible for ordering from Literature Headquarters (420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or our distributing offices.) Packet of Guild Report Blanks for 20 cents. This packet contains sufficient report blanks for one year's supply for both corresponding secretary and treasurer of each local unit. Write today for your report blanks!

Semi-Annual Reports

The semi-annual report of the corresponding secretary, and of the treasurer of each local unit is to be in the hands of her district (or conference) Guild secretary, July 1, 1945. Let us have a complete record for the first six months of the second quadrennium!

San Francisco and After

"What will happen at San Francisco will depend in large part on what you think of the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals—you and your neighbors and the people in the next town and the next—you overseas in the Army, or on shipboard, or wherever you are—all of you."—*Archibald MacLeish, in Department of State Bulletin, March 4, 1945.*

See the pages on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in this issue of The Methodist Woman.

Spring News Letter

If your unit has not received its copies of the *Spring News Letter*, write your conference Guild secretary or the Guild office.

Crusaders for Tomorrow's World

By **HELEN L. JOHNSON,** ***Secretary of Youth Work***

THE EMPHASES FOR MISSIONARY EDUCATION FOR 1945-46 are inviting and stimulating. The timely theme, "The Church Among Uprooted Americans," is closely related to the field of rehabilitation in which youth is already interested. Practically every community in the United States has been touched by the vast uprooting of people from the normal pattern of family life. The interpretation of this study must develop around the needs in the community. Christian youth must help in finding the answer to the needs of industrial workers, share croppers, migrants, servicemen, Japanese Americans, and others who are among America's uprooted peoples.

The influences of a world at war have made many significantly aware of Africa. The church must come to a greater understanding of her needs and the place of Christian missions in meeting them. Methodist youth will find the opportunity of helping to meet some of the needs of Africa by making financial contributions through the Methodist Youth Fund. Some young people will respond to the glaring need for new missionaries for Africa.

We recommend the use of the following materials with the hope that through their use youth and leaders alike may come into new experiences of world friendship.

Home Theme: "The Church Among Uprooted Americans."

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND SENIORS:

*Christianity Where You Live,** by Kenneth Underwood.

*Discussion and Program Suggestions for Youth on "The Church Among Uprooted Americans,"** by Maud Upton.

FOR INTERMEDIATES:

*When People Move,** by Lucy M. Eldredge.

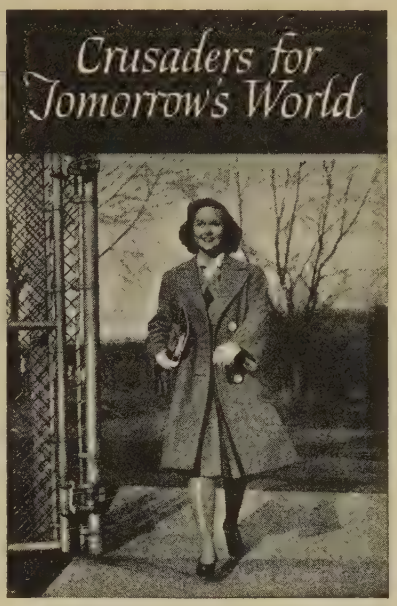
Foreign Theme: "Africa."

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND SENIORS:

*This Is Africa,** by S. Franklin Mack.
*Daughter of Africa,** by Ruth S. Seabury.
*The Cross Over Africa,** by Newell S. Booth.
*Discussion and Program Suggestions for Youth on "Africa,"** by Jennie M. Doidge.

FOR INTERMEDIATES:

*More About Africa,** by Helen E. Baker.
*Tales From Africa,** by Alice Geer Kelsey.
*The Methodist Church at Work in Africa,** by L. W. Kirkpatrick.



The program materials for interest groups of girls studying the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are arranged around the title, "Crusaders for Tomorrow's World."* (Ready about July 1.) The activities of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are highlighted with illustrations from the work in Africa and among uprooted peoples.

Leaders in missionary education of youth should include *Workshop, Highroad,* WORLD OUTLOOK, THE METHODIST WOMAN, and *Classmate* as essential resource materials.

We look to the opportunities and responsibilities in the months ahead and share in the spirit of the prayer of an African girl: "O Thou Great Chief, light a candle in my heart that I may see what is therein and sweep the rubbish from thy dwelling place."[1]

[1] From The World at One in Prayer, by Fleming.

* Order from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or our distributing offices.

Missionary Materials for Children, 1945-46

AFRICA, THE EARTH'S SECOND-LARGEST CONTINENT, has long possessed a special kind of fascination for wide-awake boys and girls. Today, with ships from many nations touching its shores, and with airplanes winging their way across its vast expanse, it has been drawn steadily into the currents of the world's life and thought. During 1945-46, the children in The Methodist Church will have an opportunity to become better acquainted with the people of Africa, and to find out about some of the thrilling work that the church has carried on among them through its missionaries and native leaders. Children will also come to see some of the ways in which the Christian church is helping today to make life in Africa richer and fuller, and they will discover some of the interesting plans for the advance of the work in the future.

With Africa as the major emphasis, and with some stress, too, of the work of the church among uprooted Americans, the missionary materials for juniors during 1945-46 include the following:

Junior Group Graded Lessons, January, 1946. A unit on Africa. This will help juniors to discover some of the needs of the people of Africa at the present time, and to find out how pastor-teachers and medical missionaries help to meet some of the needs with which they come in contact. The material for pupils will be found in the *Junior Quarterly* and the teacher's notes in *Child Guidance in Christian Living.*

Plans for Additional Sessions

1. A unit on "Christian Festivals in Africa," January, 1946. This study will help juniors to appreciate how African Christians are developing Christian festivals in terms of their own cultural backgrounds, and to gain a sense of fellowship with them as they observe some of the same festivals, each in his own way. The unit will be found in *Child Guidance in Christian Living.*

2. A unit on "The Church Among Uprooted Americans," May, 1946. This will help juniors to discover groups of persons who have moved to new communities; to find ways to extend friendship to newcomers in their own home towns, and to learn of the work that is done by the Christian church to help them feel at home. This unit will be found in *Child Guidance in Christian Living.*

Manual for Use in Additional Sessions, by Mildred Magnuson. This unit of ten sessions, entitled *Making Friends in Africa,** will deal with the work of The Methodist Church in Africa. The manual contains suggestions for monthly meetings, and may be used in connection with all types of additional sessions. Price, 25 cents.

The missionary emphasis for primary children during 1945-46 will deal with Africa. The materials will include:

Primary Group Graded Lessons, January, 1946. This unit on the work of the church in the Congo region of Africa will help primary children to have a sense of kinship with children in a community where The Methodist Church is at work. It will also help them to understand how Christianity makes life better for children and how they can have a part in the work that is being done in the Congo. The pupil's material will appear in *The Primary Class* and the teacher's notes in *Child Guidance in Christian Living.*

Manual for Additional Sessions, by Lois Eddy McDonnell. This ten-session manual for leaders is entitled *Children of the Congo.** It will be used in monthly meetings as well as in other kinds of additional sessions.

In churches where the Group Graded Lessons or the Closely Graded Courses are used, additional sessions should be planned in connection with the study of missionary units in the church school. For primary children the manual, *Children of the Congo,** by Lois Eddy McDonnell, should be used. For juniors the manual, *Making Friends in Africa,** by Mildred Magnuson, should be used, or the missionary units in "Plans for Additional Sessions" found

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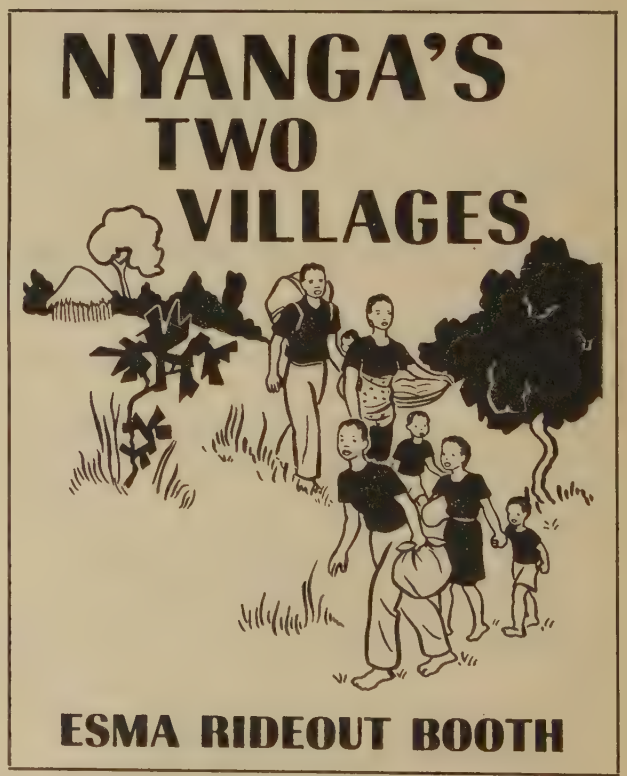

By **RUBY VAN HOOSER,** ***Secretary of Children's Work***

Spiritual Life Cultivation

By MRS. W. M. ALEXANDER

"The Quiet Time"

EVERY METHODIST WOMAN should plan for a definite "Quiet Time" each day. Many women use the nine-o'clock morning hour for this period of meditation, which may include the reading of one's Bible according to some definite plan for Bible study[1]; a period of prayer and intercession and a time of quiet meditation and waiting in God's presence.

Family Worship

The family as a group should have a regular time for worship. Use *The Upper Room* or some other daily devotional book. Perhaps the most convenient time would be in connection with the morning or evening meal. The Spiritual Life Committee should recognize the dangers which threaten the American home and encourage new families to establish the family altar in their homes.

Prayer Groups

Many women throughout the church meet regularly, in small groups, for definite prayer, Bible study, and spiritual conversation. At such time prayers are offered for the special prayer projects suggested by the Spiritual Life Committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and also for the needs in the local church and community.

Plans for Evangelism

The Secretary of Spiritual Life and committee should co-operate with the pastor and the committee on evangelism in all of the plans for evangelism in the local church. They should visit in the homes of the inactive members of the church. They should call on those whose church letters should be transferred to the local church. They should seek to win those who are not Christians to accept Christ and unite with the church. They should visit in the homes where there are children who are not enrolled in the church and should seek to bring them under the ministry of the church.

The "Fellowship of Intercession"

In every church there are people who cannot attend the services of the church, such as "shut-ins," mothers with young children, rural women, etc. Endeavor to enroll these persons in the "Fellowship of Intercession.[2]" Keep these persons informed as to the prayer projects and supplied with spiritual life leaflets, etc. There are great possibilities in the spiritual cultivation of these persons and in their contribution to the ongoing of the Kingdom.

Ministry to the Sorrowing

The Spiritual Life Secretary and committee have large opportunities for such ministry. As they visit in the homes where sorrow has come, as they share with these persons some of the beautiful and comforting leaflets that will help one to meet a sorrow bravely.[3]

"Day-a-Part" Meetings

One of the most helpful ways of deepening the spiritual life of the women of the church and the Society is to spend a day together in prayer and quiet meditation. One goes from a worship service of this type stronger to meet the responsibilities of daily living.

Retreats

District and conference retreats have great value as women go apart for several days of living together for the purpose of having their spiritual strength renewed. In such a retreat the group should spend much of the time in silent meditation and communion with God.

Spiritual Life Book Shelf

In every Woman's Society of Christian Service there should be a spiritual life bookshelf sponsored by the Spiritual Life Secretary and her committee. This bookshelf should contain helpful devotional books, pamphlets, and (*Continued on page 25*)

[1] See "Know Your Bible" leaflet—order from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Free.

[2] Order "Fellowship of Intercession Enrollment Cards" from Literature Headquarters. Free.

[3] Ministry of Sorrow Packet, Board of Evangelism, Medical Arts Building, Nashville, Tennessee. (Price, 25 cents.)

Why We Need a Status of Women Committee

By **NELLIE EARLES QUIMBY**

First, we need an active Status of Women Committee to fix in our consciousness the names and deeds of heroic women of the past.

Until the last century, woman's status was subordinate to man's. Her history was recorded as a side issue to the history of men. In the 1840's the emancipation of American women began—in education, in the right to own property, in freedom of person, in equal rights in their children, and in equal suffrage.

This tempestuous period, from 1840 to 1940, has been called "The Woman's Century." American women fought toward freedom against bitter opposition and despite public humiliation and scorn. Their victories have revolutionized the status of women. Today, we are relatively free.

Already we have grown complacent in our freedom. Our gratitude is short. There is no "time depth" in our memory. We have forgotten that freedom costs. Mary R. Beard, the historian writes: "American women of today even forgot American women of the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries. Knowing only themselves, they do not know *women*. My remedy is more history of women in 'seats of learning.' " But we can build an historical time depth in our own memories. An active Status of Women Committee is needed to gather and present to us the necessary facts.

Second, we need wisdom with which to meet the swift changes of the present. From ancient times woman has been confined to the home. A widow without property, or a maiden lady—that euphonious name for the unmarried—was forced to seek asylum in another's home. If fortunate, she would be cherished as one of the family. Often she became the meagerly paid governess, the family drudge, the poor relation, tolerated only for the work she could turn out.

As for the housewife, until recently, all her work was done by hand. Nursing the children, cooking, cleaning, spinning, sewing, and mending devoured the hours from sunup to sundown. Charity work or a bit of neighborly nursing were her accepted activities outside the home. Quick social stigma scorched any woman who dared become prominent in public affairs.

Today, hastened by war, every phase of labor within woman's physical strength is open to her. The professions welcome her. Electricity frees her from drudgery at home. Already she is taking her responsible place in the affairs of community, state, and nation.

On the whole, this is very good. But the warning is out, "Danger Ahead!" More often than we like to admit, woman's first place still must be in the home.

In increasing numbers, mother as well as father is seeking employment outside the home. Sometimes two incomes are necessary. But more often father's wages furnish the living, while mother earns the luxuries. She sees that the living-room suite is shabby, or daughter wants a fur coat, and goes to work. Which leaves young Tommy, and little Susie or Judy to come running in from school to an empty home. After a few days the children begin dawdling on the streets. No use coming straight home. It's lonely. Mom isn't there. Not all such children land in a detention home. But rising juvenile crime statistics show that the way of unsupervised children is slippery.

This has become a national problem. The warning is ours. The danger is seen. Already from the Woman's Division, the Status of Women Committee is urging "that mothers of children make the care and training of them their chief concern. If we are to have the leaders that we need for tomorrow, much will depend on the training received in the Christian homes today." *But who will pass on their warning to the mothers of Tommy, or Susie, or Judy in your town?* An active Status of Women Committee in your Local Woman's Society could make this their work for the year.

Finally, we need a Status of Women Committee to set before us a more perfect goal. Too long woman has felt that equal rights with man meant the right to imitate man. It meant a single standard sexually, the right to smoke, to drink, to work, to wear slacks without censure. But woman's real equality lies in her freedom to develop a full personality through the use of her own distinctive talents *side by side with man.* Neither must seek to gain at the expense of the other.

Both men and women are needed to develop a full-rounded society. Each sex has valuable qualities peculiar to itself. It either is weakened,

society limps and halts into the future. Again the Status of Women Committee sends out its challenge, "that women learn the technique *of working with men,* since the new world must be, not a man's world nor a woman's world, but a human world, where men and women will work together, each supplementing and complementing the work of the other."

But a merely human world is not enough. We need a Christian world, inhabited by Christian men and women. The perfect goal for humanity is citizenship, through Christ, in the kingdom of God. This is not a goal to be sought alone. "Male and female created he them." By God's grace, men and women are to come into his Kingdom *together.*

To slough off our ignorance and give honor to the past; to see and to meet the dangers of the present; to seek the kingdom of God as men and women together: these are our goals. An active Status of Women Committee can help us to meet them. Is your local Woman's Society ready with such a committee today?

New Tasks for Committee on Status of Women

By **MRS. L. M. AWTREY**

THE Committee on Status of Women is concerned with trends and attitudes of women in local church, the community, the state, and the nation. It promotes such activities as will improve woman's status and enable her to serve effectively in her church as in the world at large.

To accomplish this purpose the local committee on the status of women should:

1. Seek to discover and propose for service women who are qualified to hold office in the local society, in the district, and in the conference; to serve the church committees, boards of trustees, world service committee, and official boards.

2. Emphasize the need of bringing into the services of the church the women who have been engaged in Red Cross and defense work.

3. Suggest women to serve on local civic boards, on health commissions, better housing projects, as well as encourage the use of qualified women doctors, lawyers, architects, and professors in the public service of the community.

4. Seek out women who are equipped by training and education to serve the town, the state, and the nation in the political field, and bring them to the attention of nominating bodies.

Many methods and plans are suggested in the foregoing article by Mrs. Quimby. In short, these are some of the *musts* for your society:

1. Every society elect an interested chairman.

2. Every society appoint a committee to serve with this chairman.

3. Every society name this chairman as a member of the nominating committee.

4. Every society call for a report from the status of women committee chairman at each business meeting, inquiring as to the number of meetings held, the study being done as to the activities of the women and the information gained as to the qualifications and abilities not only of those who are active, but those who need to be a part of the group life about them.

A Date to Remember — SEPTEMBER 1, 1945 . . .

Effective September 1, 1945, all renewals and subscriptions for our magazines MUST be in by the FIRST OF EACH MONTH in order to receive the following month's issue.

So, please cross off the 20th, our former date, from your calendar and keep in mind our new closing date, the first day of the month. Our enlarged subscription lists have made this change necessary.

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Program Suggestions for July, 1945

By MRS. H. W. BLAND DETWILER

Theme: "Advancing in Understanding"

Be sure to open doors in JULY and AUGUST!

Have you ever heard of a society who says: "We do not have meetings in July and August; or "Everyone goes away in the summer!" etc.? Summer meetings ought to hold a fragrance and interest that are entirely different from the other ten meetings. (The regular form of a suggestion sheet will not be followed for July and August.) Because July's theme is so desperately vital in making lasting peace, it should not be omitted!

INVITATIONS may consist of "Doors" in the form of open gates which swing open to a garden. (How suggestive of racial understanding is a garden gateway leading to flowers of all colors.) Sketch of lowered rails of a fence or a small summer cottage with an open door. A delightful library to stimulate interest might consist of the following: Worship Services and Program Book (read carefully every bit of that choice material). *The Readers Digest* for March, 1945, page 45; THE WORLD OUTLOOK for April, 1945, page 5; THE METHODIST WOMAN for April, 1945, page 12; *The Author of Liberty*, chapters 11 and 15; *Strangers No Longer*, pages 17 to 30.

For a formal meeting the setup is perfectly planned in Worship Services, pages 19-20. How fascinating to discuss or have told—*not read*—"Small Doors," "Other Doors," "Large Doors"! I hope you are curious enough to go open them. See page 20. An informal meeting, as suggested by Central Church, Bridgetown, New Jersey, is a porch meeting. Much success was found in holding the summer meetings in the morning. A picnic supper, closing with a well-planned discussion. (Three or four women who have prepared the stories found in the program book cannot help but produce food for thought. An outdoor movie, "The World We Want to Live In" (See page 74, *Program Book*). Also write for "Visual Education Aids" from both Nashville and New York Offices. (This might be shown for your own small group, but better still if you have a church lawn or corner property or a near-by public park, it might serve as a splendid community project.) Other visual education aids useful in the 2 x 2 Kodachrome are available at 150 Fifth Avenue. Remember, also, lovely nature hymns come in these slides. Music may play a great part in either an indoor or outdoor meeting. Start with use of folk songs. (These are found in many Methodist Youth Fellowship Summer Conference songbooks. Inquire of your pastor or youth. (These songbooks may be purchased from Nashville Office* for 25 cents a copy or twelve copies for $2.00.) A friend said to me one evening, "You have to be a foreigner to sing these songs!" How much we need to understand even the music of other lands! When singing Negro spirituals, plan to have some Negroes with you. This is a fine month to have an Informal Guest Meeting. If you are in a community where you might invite several Jewish, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, or Negroes, have a "Talk It Over Time" with them. "What Can We Do About It?" would make a fine theme. If an afternoon meeting is held, younger children may be invited and games and stories enjoyed. Last, but not least, this is a fine time of the year to ask your pastor to present this theme in your prayer service or Sunday evening service.

This also is a good time to combine several Women's Societies in the same locality.

Fellowship is more than eating, but it is interesting to know such recipes as we find in *Around the U. S. on a Cookstove* (Board of National Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Price, 25 cents.)

*Obtainable Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Spiritual Life Cultivation (*Continued from page 21*)

leaflets, which may be read by the women of the church.[4] These materials should be checked in and out with library methods so that they may not be lost. Many persons are eager to read good devotional books but do not know where to secure them. The Woman's Society of Christian Service might well provide a library fund for this purpose.

The Program Committee

As a member of the program committee of the Woman's Society, the secretary of Spiritual Life should help to plan the worship services of the Society so that they may be worshipful and helpful. It would be well for the secretary to meet with all the women who are to conduct the worship services for the society and discuss such matters as building a worship center, mechanical aids to worship, etc.

[4] Write for new Spiritual Life Packet (35 cents) Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or distributing offices.

Study and Action Committee

As a member of the study and action committee the secretary of Spiritual Life should help to promote the entire study program of the approved and informal studies. Her particular responsibility is to see that there is an approved Bible study class during the year and that there are informal studies on the Bible and stewardship in the circles and prayer groups.

"Quiet Day" of Week of Prayer and Self-Denial

The secretary of Spiritual Life has a definite responsibility for the promotion of the "quiet day" of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. This service should prepare the way for the observance of the other meetings which will follow during the week.

Missionary Materials for Children (*Continued from page 20*)

in the January and May, 1946, issues of *Child Guidance in Christian Living.*

Dealing with the current missionary emphases, the Missionary Education Movement has prepared some interesting materials that will be used to supplement the units already listed. These materials included the following courses:

Africa

*Nyanga's Two Villages,** by Esma Rideout Booth. Reading book for *junior* children. Price, 60 cents.

*A Junior Teacher's Guide on "Africa,"** by Muriel Beaton Patterson. Price, 25 cents.

*Mpengo of the Congo,** by Grace McGavran. Reading book for *primary* children. Price, 60 cents.

*A Primary Teacher's Guide on "Africa,"** by Armilda B. Keiser. Price, 25 cents.

The Church Among Uprooted Americans

*Trailer Town,** by Mary Brewster Hollister. Reading book for *junior* children. Price, 60 cents.

*A Junior Teacher's Guide on "The Church Among Uprooted Americans,"** by Frances Dunlap Heron. Price, 25 cents.

*Friendship Magic,** by Jeanette Perkins Brown. Reading book for *primary* children. Price, 60 cents.

*A Primary Teacher's Guide on "The Church Among Uprooted Americans,"** by Jeanette Perkins Brown. Price, 25 cents.

Maps and Cut-outs

*Friendship Map: Africa.** The first in a series of decorative maps of many lands in color. Size 27x33 inches. Price, 25 cents.

*Picture Map of Africa.** A new title in the picture-map series. Approximately 36x48 inches, accompanied by sketches to be colored, cut-out and pasted. Price, 50 cents.

*Wall Map of Africa.** In four colors. Size, 22x28 inches. Gives a clear picture of countries of Africa. Price, 25 cents.

*Outline Map of Africa.** Large size, 22x28 inches. Small size, 8½x11 inches. Price, 25 cents each and 25 cents a dozen, respectively.

*Directions for Making an African Village.** To be cut out and assembled by children. Price, 25 cents.

Pictures

*Children at Worship Around the World.** Janet Smalley. Eight pictures. Price, 75 cents a set. Post-card size, 25 cents.

*Children and Their Homes Around the World.** Janet Smalley. Eight pictures. Price, 75 cents a set. Post-card size, 25 cents.

*Children and Their Toys Around the World.** Eleanor Frances Lattimore. Price, 50 cents a set. Each picture set is in four colors with accompanying text.

As for other supplementary materials, the September, 1945, issue of *World Outlook* will provide an eight-page picture section for children entitled "The Methodist Church in Africa." *Child Guidance in Christian Living* for January and May, 1946, will contain articles, pictures, and stories on the missionary emphasis. The January and May, 1946, issues of the story papers, *Pictures and Stories* and *Trails for Juniors,* will also include material to be used in connection with the current missionary units. The 1945-46 issues of *The Methodist Woman,* as well as of *World Outlook,* will furnish from time to time valuable resource materials on "Africa" and "The Church Among Uprooted Americans."

* Order from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or our distributing offices.

Leaves for Healing

A Society Reviews the Annual Report

By **BERNICE BURROUGHS**

SETTING—*An open pulpit Bible on a reading stand. Twelve lighted candles, one for each month of the year are appropriate symbols. For background, cover the central panel of a screen with blue cloth or paper on which is sketched in dark red chalk or crayon a large-sized copy of the cover design of the* Annual Report. *Branches of leaves or ferns symbolize the title theme.*

CHARACTERS—*A narrator and as many representatives of the society's departments and committees as are desired. A review of a country or institution where the local society supports special work would be an interesting addition. Other reports, omitted here for lack of space, should be added: The World Federation of Methodist Women, Supply Work, Status of Women, Youth Work, Children's Work, etc., found in the* Fifth Annual Report.

NARRATOR (*reads from the open Bible*): "Lo, on the bank of the stream . . . were very many trees . . . and along both sides of it, there shall grow all sorts of trees for food, the leaves of which shall not wither, nor their fruit fail . . . because the water that feeds them flows from the sanctuary; and their fruit shall serve for food and their leaves for healing." (Ezekiel 47:12.) (*Narrator then speaks*):

The leaves of trees have ever stood for healing —for returning life in the springtime, for summer shade, and for autumn's leaves enriching the ground through the winter. . . . The leaves of the Bible have ever stood for healing. Herein we read of cleanness of mind and heart, purging of spirit, and all the values that lead to spiritual health. . . . Today we shall turn the leaves of another book—written in this day—published in this year —the *Fifth Annual Report* of the Christian Service of our Woman's Division. This, too, is a record of healing—of lives transformed, bodies healed, children sheltered, of care for the homeless and the infirm. This is the healing our hands have wrought. Today we shall turn these pages together.

(*The Narrator remains on the platform to introduce each speaker.*)

HOME DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE: As we turn the leaves that tell of healing work in our own country, we find many reasons for rejoicing and many others for renewing our efforts. . . . Through the report of the Bureau of Educational Institutions, we are helping to educate 6,000 young people in thirty-three educational centers. Increased enrollments have been marked this year. Many students who applied could not be received for lack of space. At Holding Institute, for example, 200 were registered this year, but 188 were turned away. . . . Our Bureau of Town and Country Work records an upbuilding of community life in isolated rural sections. Particularly inspiring are reports from the Ponca Mission and the Yuma Indian Mission. . . . Pictures of crowded cities come from the Bureau of Urban Work: Classes and group meetings furthering interracial cooperation; nurseries planned for war-working mothers also meeting an acute need; settlements whose programs are planned for all ages and needs helping to build Christian character. . . . Outstanding among the reports of the Bureau of Social Welfare are those that tell of the service of our defense-area workers whose work among "Uprooted Americans" is related to the theme of the coming year's mission study. . . . In addition to those who receive care in the clinics of our institutions, the Bureau of Medical Work from Alaska to Santo Domingo reports of the valiant work being carried on in our hospitals in these days of help shortages. . . . Our Bureau of Deaconess Work, related to many phases of our work in the United States, reports the need for deaconesses. In all the records of the Home field comes a similar expression of need—more missionaries and deaconesses for the opportunities now at hand.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE: A reading of the report on Africa—theme for study in the coming year—is a "must" for all Methodist women this year. The four goals from the Conference on African Affairs should find a place in our thought and prayer. . . . From China comes word of faithful witnesses despite the discouragement of seven years of war. Christian leaders are "trying to find the best ways for reconstruction of the church after the war." . . . Heartening are stories of the Methodist GIs hunting up mission stations miles from their bases. . . . Of great interest in the report on India is the record of correspondence between the British Council of Churches and the National Christian Council of India. The coming of foreign soldiers to India's cities and countryside, and the training of Indian soldiers, are marked changes. . . . For those eager to be intelligent as well as good neighbors to our Latin Americans, the account of our work on that conti-

nent points the way. Eagerly we read of the "Opportunities Ahead" in this report. . . . There are many parallels in the reports from foreign fields: the relationship of political life to church life; the need for advance in literacy; and, above all, the need for missionary personnel. First among needs is that workers may answer the call, "Whom shall I send and who will go for me?"

Representative of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: During the past year the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities was challenged by these suggested themes for study and activity: "The Church and Community Needs," "The Church and Postwar Planning," "The Church and Family Solidarity," "Ways of Building Group Unity." In the summary of activities of local and conference societies are found many evidences of consecration to the task. One outstanding example is of a local society sponsoring six Sunday evening programs devoted to "A Just and Durable Peace." . . . A brief and comprehensive account of the department's Third Annual Seminar, held at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado, points up one of the important meetings of the department as do sections outlining the Conference on Postwar Employment of Women and the Workshops on the Church and Demobilization. Dr. A. E. Barnett's statement quoted from the Iliff Seminar Findings—"The condition of security is continuous advance"—might well serve as the watchword of this Department.

The Treasurer: In compact form in the *Annual Report* are the "leaves for healing" that record our financial giving. The pages entitled, "Financial Conference Report for Year 1944" represent our gifts. Our conference is listed as having "Total Receipts of $————." Our jurisdiction's "Total Receipts, 1944, were $————." The increased giving of our Woman's Societies depends upon each of us. As we read of the gifts, let us think of the healing they make possible.

Representative of Literature and Publications: Our two magazines, The Methodist Woman and World Outlook, have reported marked increases in their subscription lists for the first quadrennium of the united church. Lest we feel that our task of obtaining readers is completed, however, the *Annual Report* reveals that only one woman in seven of our Woman's Society members subscribes to The Methodist Woman, while the women of Brazil have a subscription list almost four times their membership of 5,912, or 21,320 subscribers. . . . The number of mailbags sent out from Literature Headquarters and the Distributing Offices have increased greatly during the past year. Literature represents one of the most important phases of our work. As we keep our members informed, we keep them inspired. The leaves of our literature become leaves of healing.

Representative of Organization and Promotion (*Corresponding Secretary*): Cause for rejoicing is found in the report of the Executive Secretary of the Woman's Section of the Joint Division. To the 19,484 charter Woman's Societies of Christian Service have been added new organizations so that the latest count is 26,962 societies. Of these, 772 new organizations were added in 1944. New members counted during the year were 63,680, a net gain of 38,846. For our conference, the record shows —— new societies. Every goal we meet as we enter the Doors of Progress adds to our work around the world.

Secretary of Spiritual Life: The gifts of our members—not alone the financial ones, important as they are, but also the greater joy of personal service—come through consecrated personality. In the *Annual Report*, the Division's Spiritual Life Committee asks that we pray daily for "The Crusade for Christ, a just and enduring peace, more missionaries and deaconesses." Let us join our hands in work and our spirits in prayer that the work of healing may go on.

President of the Local Society: From the Foreword of the *Annual Report*, a message from our President, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, we quote these words: "This report is made possible only because thousands, yes, literally thousands of people, have been faithful to the trust committed to them." . . . Ours has been the blessed privilege of having a part in the work reviewed here today: of being "faithful to the trust." In the light of these tapers representing the past year's achievements, let us reconsecrate our lives with prayer to the work of the present year. (Leads in closing prayer.)

Jurisdiction	CONFERENCE INCOME FOR APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS							
	Adult	W. S. G.	Paid on Pledge 1945	Total Pledged 1945*	Student	Youth	Children	Total for Appropriatio 1945
North Central:								
Dakota	$ 3,287.66	$ 60.00	$ 3,347.66	$ 10,500.00	.....	$ 19.67	$ 10.50	$ 3,377.
Detroit	19,508.37	445.53	19,953.90	71,316.00	.....	801.26	86.10	20,841.
Illinois	22,229.39	1,117.44	23,346.83	83,000.00	.....	208.72	198.13	23,753.
Indiana	17,378.41	1,117.66	18,496.07	58,500.00	.....	505.00	255.03	19,256.
Iowa-Des Moines	12,497.45	414.36	12,911.81	52,000.00	$ 3.55	492.00	118.87	13,526.
Michigan	10,870.79	279.07	11,149.86	50,600.00	.....	1,050.00	487.55	12,687.
Minnesota	6,250.48	221.25	6,471.73	22,200.00	.....	24.80	42.71	6,539.
North Dakota	2,239.99	40.00	2,279.99	8,040.00	10.00	67.07	14.40	2,371.
North Indiana	13,899.41	517.95	14,417.36	47,500.00	.....	745.38	230.74	15,393.
North-East Ohio	16,660.24	454.61	17,114.85	118,450.00	.....	740.00	130.55	17,985.
Northern Minnesota	7,667.61	525.60	8,193.21	25,500.00	.....	169.00	.....	8,362.
Northwest Indiana	7,184.44	104.06	7,288.50	26,775.00	.....	571.05	113.31	7,972.
Northwest Iowa	7,641.82	159.52	7,801.34	25,000.00	.....	.....	49.00	7,850.
Ohio	38,458.84	901.00	39,359.84	145,500.00	.....	1,150.00	295.00	40,804.
Rock River	25,760.28	1,106.69	26,866.97	87,580.00	.....	528.00	140.68	27,535.
Southern Illinois	7,165.87	564.04	7,729.91	25,750.00	.....	237.49	74.32	8,041.
Upper Iowa	7,809.17	107.40	7,916.57	26,975.00	.....	106.84	55.87	8,079.
West Wisconsin	3,848.67	115.45	3,964.12	13,600.00	.....	148.68	49.00	4,161.
Wisconsin	4,660.82	.....	4,660.82	22,000.00	.....	57.16	57.17	4,775.
Total	235,019.71	8,251.63	243,271 34	920,786.00	13.55	7,622.12	2,408.93	253,315.
Northeastern:								
Baltimore	20,866.96	230.00	21,096.96	73,500.00	.....	280.14	12.96	21,390.
Central New York	6,082.21	151.25	6,233.46	35,000.00	.....	203.07	23.45	6,459.
Central Pennsylvania	9,133.98	118.00	9,251.98	42,000.00	.....	458.62	12.50	9,723.
Erie	10,282.02	80.20	10,362.22	48,000.00	.....	136.97	59.10	10,558.
Genesee	10,425.03	155.00	10,580.03	40,000.00	.....	152.33	56.36	10,788.
Maine	1,755.34	5.00	1,760.34	6,100.00	.....	36.39	13.75	1,810.
New England	6,558.72	10.00	6,568.72	26,500.00	.....	200.14	26.26	6,795.
New England Southern	3,456.64	5.00	3,461.64	14,000.00	.....	7.73	20.00	3,489.
New Hampshire	1,195.44	30.00	1,225.44	4,600.00	.....	22.00	8.47	1,255.
New Jersey	5,589.46	64.38	5,653.84	31,752.00	.....	99.36	48.99	5,802.
New York	4,463.40	140.00	4,603.40	28,100.00	.....	58.61	23.25	4,685.
New York East	9,515.87	526.10	10,041.97	37,850.00	.....	69.83	14.00	10,125.
Newark	9,297.37	247.49	9,544.86	40,000.00	.....	242.22	101.90	9,888.
Northern New York	3,350.92	35.00	3,385.92	21,800.00	55.00	145.25	16.00	3,602.
Peninsula	5,295.80	.....	5,295.80	23,100.00	.....	215.50	6.59	5,517.
Philadelphia	15,351.04	621.14	15,972.18	60,000.00	.....	358.48	95.19	16,425.
Pittsburgh	17,741.51	154.05	17,895.56	74,000.00	.....	400.59	85.63	18,381.
Troy	7,165.77	66.99	7,232.76	33,000.00	.....	181.55	4.03	7,418.
West Virginia	21,185.73	814.27	22,000.00	67,000.00	.....	484.79	96.67	22,581.
Wyoming	7,267.00	2.25	7,269.25	34,000.00	.....	411.00	22.00	7,702.
Puerto Rico Provisional	30.00	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.
Total	176,010.21	3,456.12	179,466.33	740,302.00	55.00	4,164.57	747.10	184,433.
South Central:								
Central Kansas	16,613.12	739.87	17,352.99	58,000.00	.....	122.47	215.99	17,691.
Central Texas	8,166.70	572.15	8,738.85	32,000.00	.....	311.30	99.46	9,149.
East Oklahoma	6,542.57	397.27	6,939.84	22,000.00	.....	81.99	30.69	7,052.
Indian Mission	98.51	.....	98.51	350.00	.....	.....	1.60	100.
Kansas	11,172.47	378.45	11,550.92	42,000.00	.....	365.93	86.21	12,003.
Little Rock	6,487.87	504.63	6,992.50	28,150.00	.....	212.58	8.27	7,213.
Louisiana	11,822.98	869.87	12,692.85	35,500.00	.....	173.85	26.40	12,893.
Missouri	4,250.71	84.10	4,334.81	16,350.00	.....	63.40	14.68	4,412.
Nebraska	12,154.36	509.48	12,663.84	55,000.00	.....	242.88	70.69	12,977.
New Mexico	2,266.02	385.23	2,651.25	8,550.00	.....	.....	7.71	2,658.
North Arkansas	6,410.73	577.55	6,988.28	22,000.00	.....	69.31	46.28	7,103.
North Texas	7,932.25	225.00	8,157.25	32,389.00	.....	225.00	37.50	8,419.
Northwest Texas	8,816.21	640.25	9,456.46	26,500.00	.....	400.71	48.18	9,905.
St. Louis	7,772.51	346.71	8,119.22	28,875.00	.....	64.04	25.59	8,208.
Southwest Mexican	87.64	.....	87.64	350.00	.....	.....	8.91	96.
Southwest Missouri	7,556.18	325.57	7,881.75	30,370.00	.....	219.32	27.75	8,128.
Southwest Texas	9,815.92	541.95	10,357.87	33,500.00	.....	155.66	56.23	10,569.
Texas	12,435.84	934.54	13,370.38	42,135.00	15.00	.....	109.88	13,495.
West Oklahoma	8,258.30	591.96	8,850.26	35,000.00	.....	113.41	62.83	9,026.
Total	148,660.89	8,624.58	157,285.47	549,019.00	15.00	2,821.85	984.85	161,107.
Southeastern:								
Alabama	9,567.51	565.25	10,132.76	37,000.00	.....	154.16	44.81	10,331.
Cuba Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida	18,616.46	1,035.12	19,651.58	60,000.00	.....	702.29	79.63	20,435.
Holston	10,234.17	1,005.83	11,240.00	45,000.00	.....	521.34	62.80	11,824.
Kentucky	6,769.36	565.64	7,335.00	28,500.00	.....	167.05	59.42	7,561.

*Total pledges received to date.

DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

General Appropriations	Conference Work	Total for Appropriations 1945	Total for Appropriations 1944	Week of Prayer	Supplies	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Misc.	Total Receipts
$ 3,377.83		$ 3,377.83	$ 3,360.59	$ 14.80	$ 113.94			$ 3,506.57
20,016.26	$ 825.00	20,841.26	18,913.02	306.89	1,264.71		$ 20.00	22,432.86
20,132.68	3,621.00	23,753.68	22,259.90	128.24	289.65			24,171.57
18,132.60	1,123.50	19,256.10	18,210.06		637.86	$ 51.60		19,945.56
12,491.23	1,035.00	13,526.23	13,333.32	60.17	254.77	80.00	40.00	13,961.17
12,687.41		12,687.41	14,566.01	22.54	239.50			12,949.45
6,539.24		6,539.24	5,871.74	10.50	65.00			6,614.74
2,371.46		2,371.46	3,079.64	2.50	267.00			2,640.96
13,893.48	1,500.00	15,393.48	13,746.83	152.95	865.03	59.48	50.00	16,520.94
14,387.08	3,598.32	17,985.40	17,003.42	216.84	275.52	50.00	3,000.00	21,527.76
8,362.21		8,362.21	7,667.00	6.41	356.38			8,725.00
7,972.86		7,972.86	7,103.38	42.19	139.65			8,154.70
6,995.34	855.00	7,850.34	7,018.18	126.05	203.35	36.97		8,216.71
37,779.84	3,025.00	40,804.84	35,689.41	73.40	1,278.26		1,000.00	43,156.50
25,581.76	1,953.89	27,535.65	26,107.02		714.69			28,250.34
7,041.72	1,000.00	8,041.72	7,237.03	73.50	375.75	25.00		8,515.97
7,979.28	100.00	8,079.28	8,123.78	17.60	483.24			8,580.12
3,432.63	729.17	4,161.80	3,856.79	35.00	18.00			4,214.80
4,775.15		4,775.15	4,094.99	99.55	111.00			4,985.70
233,950.06	19,365.88	253,315.94	237,242.11	1,389.13	7,953.30	303.05	4,110.00	267,071.42
17,622.08	3,767.98	21,390.06	25,147.99	57.66	1,104.00	66.50		22,618.22
6,323.98	136.00	6,459.98	10,112.74	24.62	140.00			6,624.60
8,181.44	1,541.66	9,723.10	11,610.31	3.83	626.48			10,353.41
7,489.85	3,068.44	10,558.29	11,909.69	18.60	101.35		884.00	11,562.24
9,559.91	1,228.81	10,788.72	12,297.61	19.43	362.94	34.04		11,205.13
1,810.48		1,810.48	1,612.58	60.50	55.25			1,926.23
5,295.12	1,500.00	6,795.12	5,334.86		184.45		1,332.00	8,311.57
2,889.37	600.00	3,489.37	3,160.39	86.69	86.52			3,662.58
1,255.91		1,255.91	1,153.59		11.25			1,267.16
5,218.85	583.34	5,802.19	13,717.14	31.60	157.26			5,991.05
4,685.26		4,685.26	4,961.67	19.01	122.50		1.00	4,827.77
9,575.80	550.00	10,125.80	10,148.52	5.60	751.65		6.75	10,889.80
9,213.98	675.00	9,888.98	8,232.15	66.35	286.15			10,241.48
3,602.17		3,602.17	2,477.31		31.25		6.00	3,639.42
4,473.28	1,044.61	5,517.89	5,265.21	46.14	217.55	43.32		5,824.90
13,734.29	2,691.56	16,425.85	15,770.82		553.55			16,979.40
15,581.78	2,800.00	18,381.78	19,023.77	54.69			163.53	18,600.00
7,418.34		7,418.34	7,327.58	19.25	251.02	38.00		7,726.61
20,531.46	2,050.00	22,581.46	16,415.73	110.25	1,072.96	66.50		23,831.17
6,402.25	1,300.00	7,702.25	7,933.06	31.45	269.50	35.00		8,038.20
30.00		30.00	35.00					30.00
160,895.60	23,537.40	184,433.00	193,647.72	655.67	6,385.63	283.36	2,393.28	194,150.94
17,066.45	625.00	17,691.45	17,775.42	212.76	1,012.57		500.00	19,416.78
9,149.61		9,149.61	8,401.26		550.66	20.57	400.00	10,120.84
7,052.52		7,052.52	5,389.98		432.25	19.53		7,504.30
100.11		100.11	102.00			2.00		102.11
11,160.06	843.00	12,003.06	8,754.81	7.40	739.67			12,750.13
7,213.35		7,213.35	6,459.55		190.10	18.44	250.00	7,671.89
12,893.10		12,893.10	11,782.86	185.30	1,154.99	21.80		14,255.19
4,412.89		4,412.89	4,089.94	43.46	144.31			4,600.66
11,927.41	1,050.00	12,977.41	12,209.16	28.65	997.25			14,003.31
2,658.96		2,658.96	2,618.91	.50	153.95	10.20		2,823.61
7,103.87		7,103.87	6,790.68		230.00	25.00	1,145.80	8,504.67
8,419.75		8,419.75	7,723.50	9.00	450.53	23.75	1,480.50	10,383.53
9,905.35		9,905.35	7,787.22		1,206.86			11,112.21
8,208.85		8,208.85	8,152.77	15.76	395.51			8,620.12
96.55		96.55	140.32			22.14		118.69
8,128.82		8,128.82	6,868.19	37.65	705.80			8,872.27
10,569.76		10,569.76	8,465.00	88.45	537.08			11,195.29
13,495.26		13,495.26	11,641.89	66.25	1,388.20	28.43		14,978.14
9,026.50		9,026.50	8,957.06	28.58	241.02	29.02		9,325.12
158,589.17	2,518.00	161,107.17	144,110.52	723.76	10,530.75	220.88	3,776.30	176,358.86
10,331.73		10,331.73	8,516.13		76.79		5.00	10,413.52
20,433.50		20,433.50	22,537.56		746.50	40.00	250.00	21,470.00
11,824.14		11,824.14	10,226.47		120.38		5,000.00	16,944.52
7,561.47		7,561.47	8,476.29		431.49			7,992.96

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPOR

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD OF MISSION

Henrietta Gibso

Jurisdiction	CONFERENCE INCOME FOR APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS							
	Adult	W. S. G.	Paid on Pledge 1945	Total Pledged 1945*	Student	Youth	Children	Total for Appropriation 1945
Southeastern (Continued):								
Louisville	$ 7,253.44	$ 578.30	$ 7,831.74	$ 27,000.00	.....	$ 205.69	$ 31.33	$ 8,068.7
Memphis	9,900.25	776.58	10,676.83	37,000.00	.....	324.52	38.34	11,039.6
Mississippi	10,101.35	591.25	10,692.60	30,000.00	.....	.....	31.27	10,723.8
North Alabama	11,711.13	863.87	12,575.00	50,000.00	.....	124.39	51.71	12,751.1
North Carolina	14,753.01	1,353.41	16,106.42	54,500.00	.....	.....	91.04	16,197.4
North Georgia	13,266.56	2,485.78	15,752.34	58,800.00	.....	439.34	178.32	16,370.0
North Mississippi	8,141.39	762.73	8,904.12	25,000.00	.....	303.86	10.75	9,218.7
South Carolina	9,375.13	450.99	9,826.12	26,000.00	$ 1.75	178.02	.....	10,005.8
South Georgia	14,595.98	1,011.08	15,607.06	55,000.00	.....	356.39	23.24	15,986.6
Tennessee	9,125.10	663.00	9,788.10	35,200.00	.....	99.13	30.28	9,917.4
Upper South Carolina	6,549.13	645.87	7,195.00	28,000.00	.....	401.79	11.92	7,608.7
Virginia	28,303.40	452.69	28,756.09	76,000.00	.....	919.67	64.94	29,740.7
Western North Carolina	17,446.72	1,586.52	19,033.24	58,000.00	.....	88.14	30.59	19,151.9
Total	205,710.09	15,393.91	221,104.00	731,000.00	1.75	4,985.78	840.34	226,931.8
Western:								
Alaska Mission	84.50	.....	84.50	250.00	.....	.....	.....	84.5
California	12,630.24	186.50	12,816.74	40,000.00	.....	240.35	56.79	13,113.8
Colorado	5,201.69	219.32	5,421.01	21,500.00	.....	64.65	52.19	5,537.8
Hawaii	219.73	.....	219.73	.....	.....	.....	.....	219.7
Idaho	2,092.56	25.00	2,117.56	6,050.00	.....	36.71	.....	2,154.2
Latin-American Provisional	29.00	.....	29.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.0
Montana	1,089.62	148.25	1,237.87	7,000.00	.....	54.48	20.85	1,313.2
Oregon	5,571.09	147.93	5,719.02	18,500.00	.....	203.59	53.87	5,976.4
Pacific Northwest	10,205.88	281.55	10,487.43	31,800.00	.....	185.40	97.14	10,769.9
Southern California-Arizona	30,174.11	436.68	30,610.79	125,000.00	.....	295.97	168.28	31,075.0
Utah	218.70	.....	218.70	1,124.00	.....	.....	.....	218.7
Wyoming State	953.50	29.50	983.00	3,000.00	.....	13.00	.....	996,0
Total	68,470.62	1,474.73	69,945.35	254,224.00	.....	1,094.15	449.12	71,488.6
Central:								
Atlanta	218.05	31.60	249.65	900.00	.....	7.23	12.36	269.2
Central Alabama	204.26	3.20	207.46	800.00	.....	1.00	6.50	214.9
Central West	150.00	.....	150.00	.....	4.00	.....	2.80	156.8
Delaware	710.32	22.25	732.57	3,900.00	.....	85.00	4.00	821.5
East Tennessee	92.74	.....	92.74	.....	.....	.....	.....	92.7
Florida	45.00	10.00	55.00	285.00	.....	.....	.....	55.0
Lexington	470.00	47.50	517.50	4,050.00	.....	15.33	.....	532.8
Louisiana	362.75	15.00	377.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	377.7
Mississippi	45.25	.....	45.25	505.00	.....	.....	.....	45.2
North Carolina	231.50	.....	231.50	926.10	.....	.....	.....	231.5
Savannah	32.00	.....	32.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	32.0
South Carolina	133.00	1.00	134.00	.....	1.00	5.00	1.00	141.0
South Florida	50.00	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.0
Southwest	117.00	.....	117.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	117.0
Tennessee	200.00	.....	200.00	.....	.....	1.00	2.00	203.0
Texas	484.54	24.75	509.29	1,150.00	.....	7.90	4.25	521.4
Upper Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington	1,014.40	21.40	1,035.80	3,000.00	.....	19.88	12.21	1,067.8
West Texas	10.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.0
Total	4,570.81	176.70	4,747.51	15,516.10	5.00	142.34	45.12	4,939.9
China Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Uruguay	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total from Conferences	838,442.33	37,377.67	875,820.00	*3,210,847.10	90.30	20,830.81	5,475.46	902,216.5
Other Income for Appropriations:								
Deaconess Pensions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enrolled Missionary Pension Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miss'ry and Deac. Temporary Disability F'd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Income from Uniting Organizations	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Student Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other Designated Expendable Receipts:								
Institutional Income	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Refunds	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Transients	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total	$838,442.33	$37,377.67	$875,820.00	*$3,210,847.10	$90.30	$20,830.81	$5,475.46	$902,216.5

*Total pledges received to date.

DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

General propriations	Conference Work	Total for Appropriations 1945	Total for Appropriations 1944	Week of Prayer	Supplies	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Misc.	Total Receipts
$ 8,068.76		$ 8,068.76	$ 6,803.27		$ 134.30			$ 8,203.06
11,039.69		11,039.69	9,238.74	$ 25.25	671.65	$ 27.50	$ 10.00	11,774.09
10,723.87		10,723.87	9,544.36	115.78	28.75			10,868.40
12,751.10		12,751.10	12,227.42		302.65	40.09	35.00	13,128.84
16,197.46		16,197.46	15,903.73	20.61	557.54	50.00	190.00	17,015.61
15,667.25	$ 702.75	16,370.00	15,391.59		935.00	150.00		17,455.00
9,218.73		9,218.73	10,051.45		102.06			9,320.79
10,005.89		10,005.89	8,343.42		198.81			10,204.70
15,986.69		15,986.69	18,609.95	74.02	793.37	32.00	650.00	17,536.08
8,157.21	1,760.25	9,917.46	9,127.49	16.55			7.30	9,941.31
7,608.71		7,608.71	6,855.67	34.24	473.97			8,116.92
29,740.70		29,740.70	23,845.90	462.56	715.94			30,919.20
19,151.97		19,151.97	18,006.82	155.93	1,273.90		7.75	20,589.55
224,468.87	2,463.00	226,931.87	213,706.26	904.94	7,563.10	339.59	6,155.05	241,894.55
84.50		84.50	47.00					84.50
12,851.38	262.50	13,113.88	12,122.94		595.94	34.87	21.00	13,765.69
4,717.83	820.02	5,537.85	4,781.47	91.14	313.39	25.00		5,967.38
219.73		219.73	107.58					219.73
2,154.27		2,154.27	1,321.70		171.35	2.14		2,327.76
29.00		29.00						29.00
1,250.70	62.50	1,313.20	1,725.82	55.65	303.40			1,672.25
5,726.48	250.00	5,976.48	6,163.88	11.46	676.76	18.90	110.00	6,793.60
8,219.97	2,550.00	10,769.97	7,760.10	51.75	839.61		32.70	11,694.08
20,826.98	10,248.06	31,075.04	31,680.88	22.95	356.31			31,454.30
218.70		218.70	125.00		5.10			223.80
996.00		996.00	852.18			4.00		1,000.00
57,295.54	14,193.08	71,488.62	66,688.55	232.95	3,261.86	84.91	163.70	75,232.04
269.24		269.24	151.18					269.24
214.96		214.96	66.50	10.00	6.30			231.26
156.80		156.80	254.60	7.00	25.00	2.10		190.90
581.57	240.00	821.57	762.75	13.71	56.00	10.00		901.28
92.74		92.74	125.09	7.26				100.00
55.00		55.00						55.00
532.83		532.83	444.00	20.00	5.00			557.83
377.75		377.75	302.50		25.25			403.00
45.25		45.25	100.00	7.00		1.75		54.00
231.50		231.50	261.10		55.50	5.00		292.00
32.00		32.00	162.40	6.00	8.00			46.00
141.00		141.00	47.90			10.00		151.00
50.00		50.00				1.65		51.65
117.00		117.00	22.00	22.71				139.71
203.00		203.00	145.00		28.64			231.64
521.44		521.44	382.95	10.77	41.00	4.25		577.46
			85.20					
1,067.89		1,067.89	771.90	33.49				1,101.38
10.00		10.00	100.00		5.00			15.00
4,699.97	240.00	4,939.97	4,184.98	137.94	255.69	34.75		5,368.35
839,899.21	62,317.36	902,216.57	859,580.14	4,044.39	35,950.33	1,266.54	16,598.33	960,076.16
13,569.33		13,569.33	13,536.02					13,569.33
6.00		6.00						6.00
2,022.50		2,022.50	758.00					2,022.50
549.78		549.78	1,421.25					549.78
2,441.02		2,441.02	2,899.75					2,441.02
197.98		197.98						197.98
18,786.61		18,786.61	18,615.02					
							102,533.15	102,533.15
					158.45		39,678.92	39,837.37
							7,836.84	7,836.84
							20,605.50	20,605.50
$858,685.82	$62,317.36	$921,003.18	$878,195.16	$4,044.39	$36,108.78	$1,266.54	$187,252.74	$1,149,675.63

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